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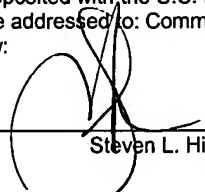
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

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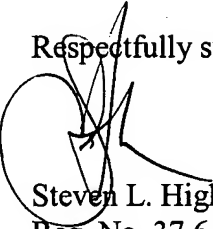
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 23, 2003 for which the date for response is January 23, 2004.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to January 23, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/IOWA:034US/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 45-53, *i.e.*, the Group IV. claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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